

SUBJECT No. 497.

Remission of half the wet assessment.

Messrs. Hutchaveere Gowda and K. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk; and Anjaneyasetti, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of Representation.—It is well known that the raiyats are paying wet assessment now-a-days at a great sacrifice to avoid their lands from being put to sale on account of arrears of revenue. Tanks do not now fill even once in 3 or 4 years. It is prayed that the old rule of remitting half the wet assessment during the years when the tanks do not fill may be revived to the great advantage of the raiyat population.

It is prayed that a commission be appointed of officials and non-officials competent to hold an enquiry into the present economic condition of wet land-holders, who are obliged to pay a full assessment for their lands under tanks, even in a year when the tanks get no sufficient supply of water for the cultivation of lands commanded by the tanks. Though it is repeatedly prayed ever since the old remission rules were changed for a remission of half the assessment at least, so as to give a margin of profit for their livelihood, especially under large tanks where only one crop during *Vaishaka* could be taken, nothing has yet been done.

SUBJECT No. 498.

Grant of breached *kattes* for cardamom cultivation.

Mr. B. Nanjagowda, South Mysore Native Planters' Association.

Summary of Representation.—Useless breached *kattes* in gonal and waste lands may be ordered to be given out for cardamom cultivation since that crop grows very well on such lands. In cases where the area of these *kattes* is less than the minimum, adjacent lands may be included, separately numbered and assessed.

SUBJECT No. 499.

Toll on carts.

Mr. Nanjundappa, Chitaldrug taluk.

Summary of Representation.—There are some tanks on the bunds of which Provincial and District Fund roads and country cart-tracks run. Earthwork of all such tanks is to be done by the villagers themselves, although others are benefited at their cost. It is therefore prayed that a toll may be levied on all such roads to defray part of the expenses of necessary earthwork.

SUBJECT No. 500.

Khetwar patrik.

Mr. Sanjeeva Rao, Chitaldrug taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Much difficulty is experienced at present, in ascertaining from Sub-Registrars' office whether or not a particular land is encumbered. With a view to minimise the difficulty, it is suggested that a copy of the *khetwar patrik* of each village be maintained by the Sub-Registrar concerned. Every transaction affecting lands may be entered then and there for the information of the public. This practice prevails in the Bombay Presidency.

SUBJECT No. 501.

Thumb impressions.

Mr. Sanjeeva Rao, Chitaldrug taluk.

Summary of Representation.—In the case of illiterate persons who appear as parties or witnesses in revenue courts, it may be made compulsory that their thumb impressions should be taken, necessary apparatus being supplied to each court.